



2014 Competitive AmeriCorps State Technical Assistance FAQ

This FAQ contains information pertaining to the 2014 Montana AmeriCorps Competitive Request for Proposal (RFP). AmeriCorps State Grants are funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) through the Montana Governor's Office of Community Service (OCS).

Technical assistance will be available to applicants from October 7 to November 12, 2013. Questions should be submitted via email to serve@mt.gov. All questions and answers will be posted publically in the FAQ document on the ServeMontana website at <http://serve.mt.gov/funding/>. Questions will be dated with the most recent added to the top. It is highly recommended that applicants read through all materials including the FAQ, application instructions, performance measure instructions, and full Notice of Funding.

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Question: What is the definition of a new applicant for this RFP?

Answer: From the definitions starting on page 29 of the RFP:

New applicants are those that have never had AmeriCorps State and/or National funding before. Current and former formula grantees are not new.

Question: How might the federal government shutdown affect this RFP?

Answer: While there is not an official answer to this question from CNCS here are two thoughts we will offer:

- 1) At the time of the shutdown the Notice of Funding Opportunity posted by CNCS was in draft status. It was indicated that revisions would not be substantive and would be strictly for clarification. But, there is the possibility that some of the changes could impact this RFP
- 2) The timeline for this RFP is based on the assumption that the shutdown will be relatively short term and that deadlines for submission at the federal level will not be amended. The deadlines stated in this RFP may be subject to change dependent on the length of the outcome and decisions made at the federal level.
- 3) As of this date it is not possible to open the application in eGrants.